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END OF WORLD WAR II AT THE 18TH GENERAL CONFERENCE OF
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1. DEPT. HAS VERY MIXED FEELINGS ABOUT SOVIET DRAFT
RESOLUTION AS WORDED ACCORDING REF. A. ON ONE HAND WE DO NOT
OBJECT TO GENERAL RESOLUTION, DRAFTED IN APPROPRIATE, REPEAT
APPROPRIATE, LANGUAGE CALLING FOR COMMEMORATION OF END OF
WORLD WAR II. ON OTHER HAND, WE DO NOT WANT TO OFFEND FRG
AND JAPAN; NEITHER DO WE WISH TO ACQUIESCE IN SOVIET BLOC
BOILERPLATE LANGUAGE. IT WOULD ALSO HAVE TO BE UNDERSTOOD
THAT U. S. WILL OPPOSE ANY ACTIVITIES FLOWING FROM SOVIET
DR, IF THEY HAVE ANY SIGNIFICANT BUDGETARY IMPLICATIONS.

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2. U. S. DEL SHOULD CONSULT WITH WESTERN ALLIES AND JAPAN,

AND AS CONSULTATIONS EVOLVE IN THIS DIRECTION, WORK OUT
APPROPRIATELY-WORDED DRAFT WITH THEM.

3. TO BEST OF DEPT.'S KNOWLEDGE, USSR HAS NOT TRIED TO
INTRODUCE SIMILAR RESOLUTION IN UN AND UN AGENCIES IN PAST.

U. S. DEL SHOULD SEEK, HOWEVER, TO SEE IF USSR HAS MADE
SIMILAR MOVE AT PAST UNESCO GENERAL CONFERENCES. MOST
LIKELY WOULD HAVE BEEN DR AT 15TH GENERAL CONFERENCE IN
1968 IN ANTICIPATION OF 25TH ANNIVERSARY COMMEMORATION OF
END OF WORLD WAR II IN 1970.

4. DEPT. STILL AWAITING U.S. DEL VIEWS AS PROMISED
PARA. 4, REF. A. INGERSOLL

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